

CITY OF KNOXVILLE
Regular Council Meeting
Knoxville Police Station, 215 N. Hebard St., Knoxville

Monday, October 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Maurer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All rose to recite the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll Call: Present: Aldermen Hillier, McGovern, Benjamin, Heller, Mahar, Myers, Naslund and Eiker; Mayor Maurer, Treasurer Bivens, Attorney McCoy, Engineer Cooper, Chief of Police Poyner and City Clerk Gruner.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2017 City Council Meeting as presented; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

GENERAL REPORTS

Attorney Report: Attorney McCoy reported that the deed to the house at 207 E North Street will be given to the City next Monday (October 23, 2017). After the deed is received and recorded the City can do whatever the Council decides. The attorney fees for the project of gaining the property are approximately \$3,000.

Engineer Report: Engineer Cooper reported that the Lift Station near the McDonald's is completed except for warning signs and some safety devices. Also, the City's portion of the water line to the Winery is completed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bivens reported that she is working through some compatibility issues between her system and former Treasurer Whitney's and was late in turning in the report to the City Clerk. She provided paper copies of the report to the Council and the electronic version will be published with the City Council Package for the next City Council Meeting. Treasurer Bivens explained the discrepancies in the Water Department and the TIF Account for the Lift Station.

City Clerk Report: None

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Payment of City's Bills: Alderman **Hillier moved** to approve payment of the City Bills; Alderman **Benjamin seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes and no dissent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

In addition to the items below, Mayor Maurer reported that Information Items include the Job Description for Street Department Assistant, the September Police Report, Monthly Water Department Report, Building Permits Report, the Cemetery Report, and the Bock Report.

- 1. Job Description – Supervisor of Public Works:**
- 2. Job Description – City Mechanic:**
- 3. IDOT Approval Street Closure – December 2, 2017 (Christmas Parade):**

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business is on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution 2017-40: Hire Scott Reynolds – Street Department Utility Employee:** Alderman **Heller moved** to approve Resolution 2017-40 to hire Scott Reynolds as Street Department Utility Employee at \$13.50 per hour; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes and no dissent.
- 2. Appointment of Supervisor of Public Works:** After discussion by members of the Council, the Resolution to hire Tim Rossell to fill this position at \$20.50/hour will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 3. Appointment of City Mechanic:** Members of the Council discussed the position. The Resolution to hire Ron Curry for this position at \$16.00/hour plus a phone allowance of \$30.00 will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- 4. New Computer for Museum:** The computer currently in use in the Museum was a gift but is now obsolete and too slow. The request is to spend up to \$1,000 for a new computer, current software and a printer. Payment will be from the Hotel/Motel funds. Alderman **McGovern moved** to approve the purchase; Alderman **Myers seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes and no dissent.

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5. **Estimate to Repair Wall at Old Pumping Station:** The South wall of the Old Pumping Station is falling away. The Estimate from R C MASONRY is at a cost of \$1,000 or less. Alderman **Myers moved** to accept the estimate from R C MASONRY with the stipulation that the work be done in 40 days; Alderman **Eiker seconded** the motion which **passed** with eight (8) Yes votes and no dissent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Alderman Eiker asked about animal control with regard to foxes roaming the town. The response was to leave the foxes alone. They do not harm people and it is not possible to catch them with “live traps” because they are too smart.
- Treasurer Bivens issued an invitation to Council Members to attend a Historic Sites Dinner Thursday evening at the Old Courthouse at 6:00 PM.
- Alderman McGovern asked that the Sidewalk Survey be published in the next City Council Package.

Mayor’s Report:

- **Scenic Drive:** The bad weather did damage and caused Scenic Drive to end early.
 - Dawn Hutchison and Angie Lee are to be commended for their work on the event.
- The City now owns the property north of Pioneer Plaza.
- Mayor Maurer has not approved the Sewer Line portion of the Utility Service Line Warrantee program. The Water Line portion of the program has not progressed as expected. There is only one local plumber participating and the rest are particularly small and distant. Council Members discussed the issues and the consensus supports the Mayor’s resolve not to approve the next phase until/unless changes are made and more local providers are brought into the program.
- Mr. Kataria told Mayor Maurer that the BP Corporation wants to expand its involvement in local communities. They want to initiate a program to use one or more dedicated pumps to provide one cent per every gallon sold through that pump to go to the local school district.
- Mr. Kataria’s station should be opening tomorrow (Tuesday, October 17, 2017) as the new gas tanks have been installed.
- Mr. Kataria wants to have the issue of a pouring license re-opened so that he can have gaming available to his customers. The consensus of the Council Members is that they would not be willing to support any pouring license within gas stations that are not truck stops. Alderman McGovern opined that the program to give one cent per gallon from a specific pump would probably, significantly increase the station’s income.

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Future Agenda Items:

- **Sidewalk Survey Questions and Results:**
- **Resolution for Employment of Supervisor of Public Works:**
- **Resolution for Employment of City Mechanic:**

Adjourn: At about 7:59 PM, Alderman **Hillier moved** to adjourn the meeting; Alderman **McGovern seconded** the motion which **passed** by voice vote with no dissent.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Charlie Gruner, City Clerk